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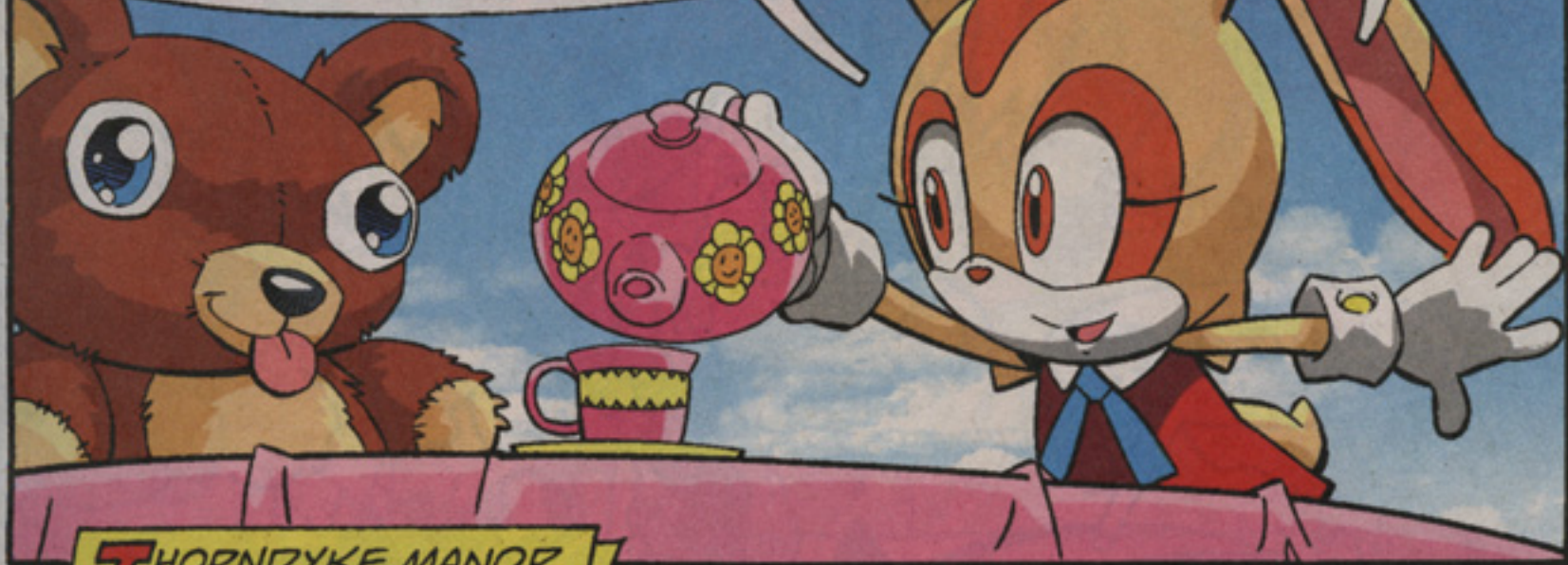
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AND SO YOU SEE, MR. BEAR, ONE OF DR. EGGMAN'S DEVICES TRANSPORTED US TO EARTH. NOW MR. SONIC AND ALL OF US LIVE WITH THE VERY FRIENDLY THORNDYKE FAMILY.

WE ALL HELP MR. SONIC PROTECT THE WORLD FROM DR. EGGMAN'S DIRTY SCHEMES.



THORNDYKE MANOR.

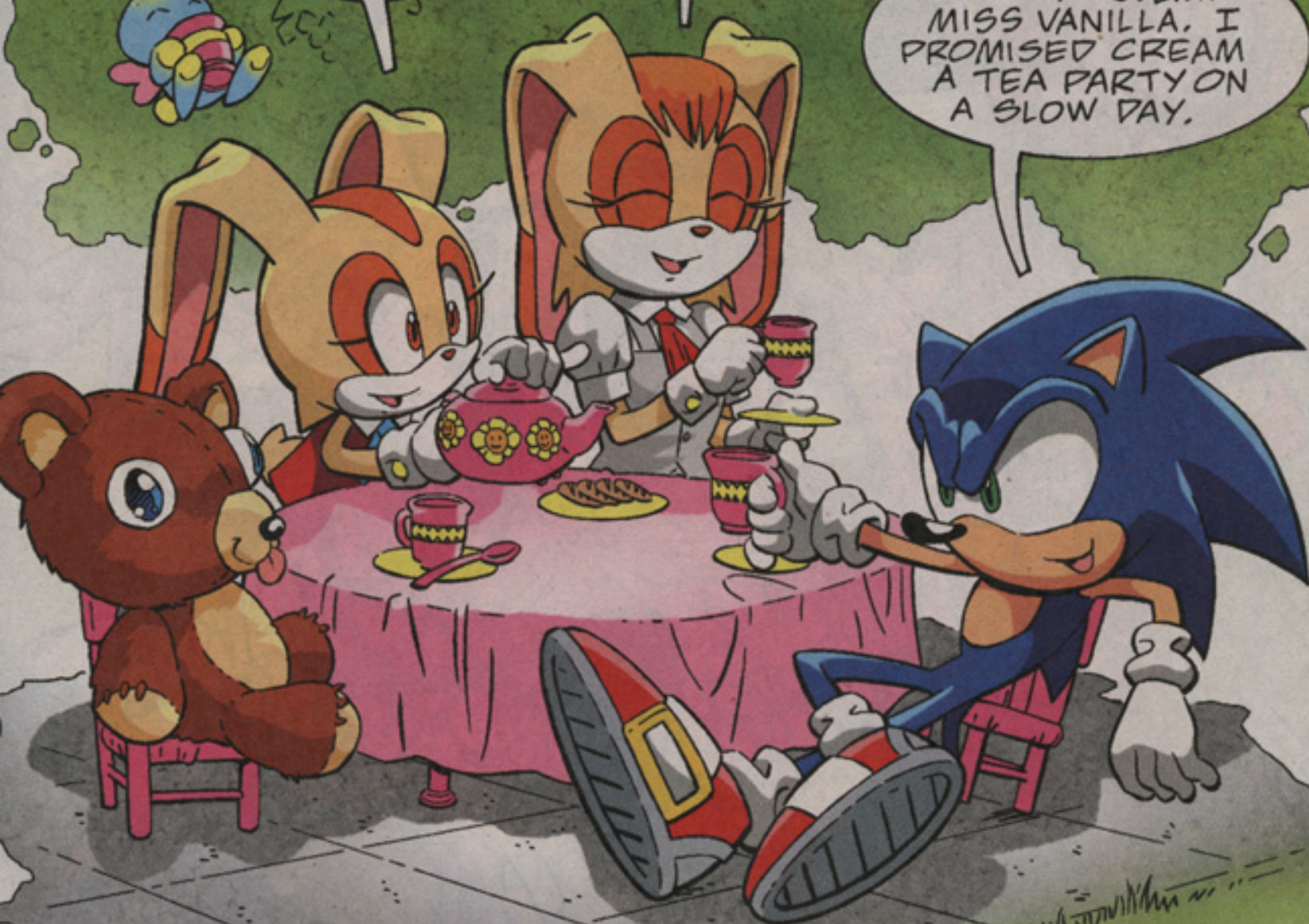
CHAO-
CHAO!

MORE
TEA, MR.
SONIC?

THANK YOU
FOR BEING SUCH
A GOOD SPORT,
SONIC.

SURE.

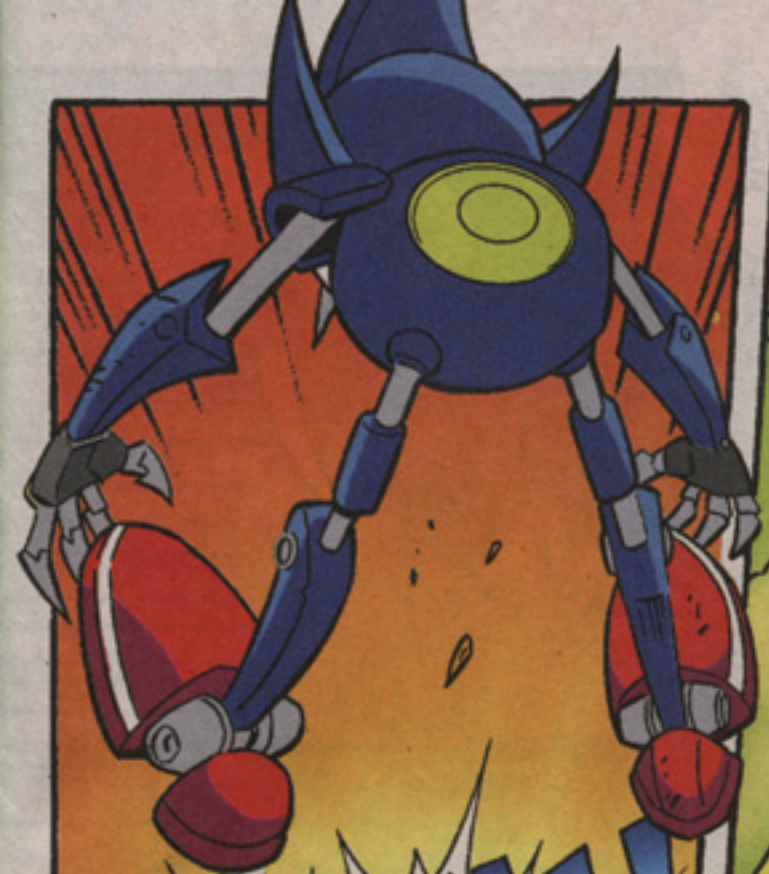
NO PROBLEM,
MISS VANILLA. I
PROMISED CREAM
A TEA PARTY ON
A SLOW DAY.



FWASH!

--CONTROL!

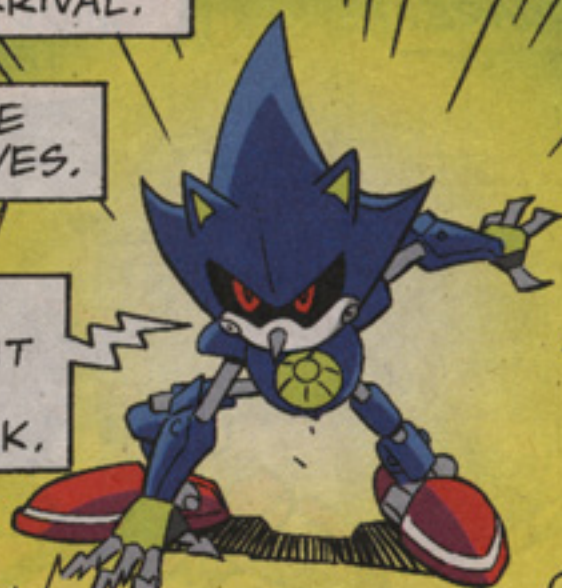




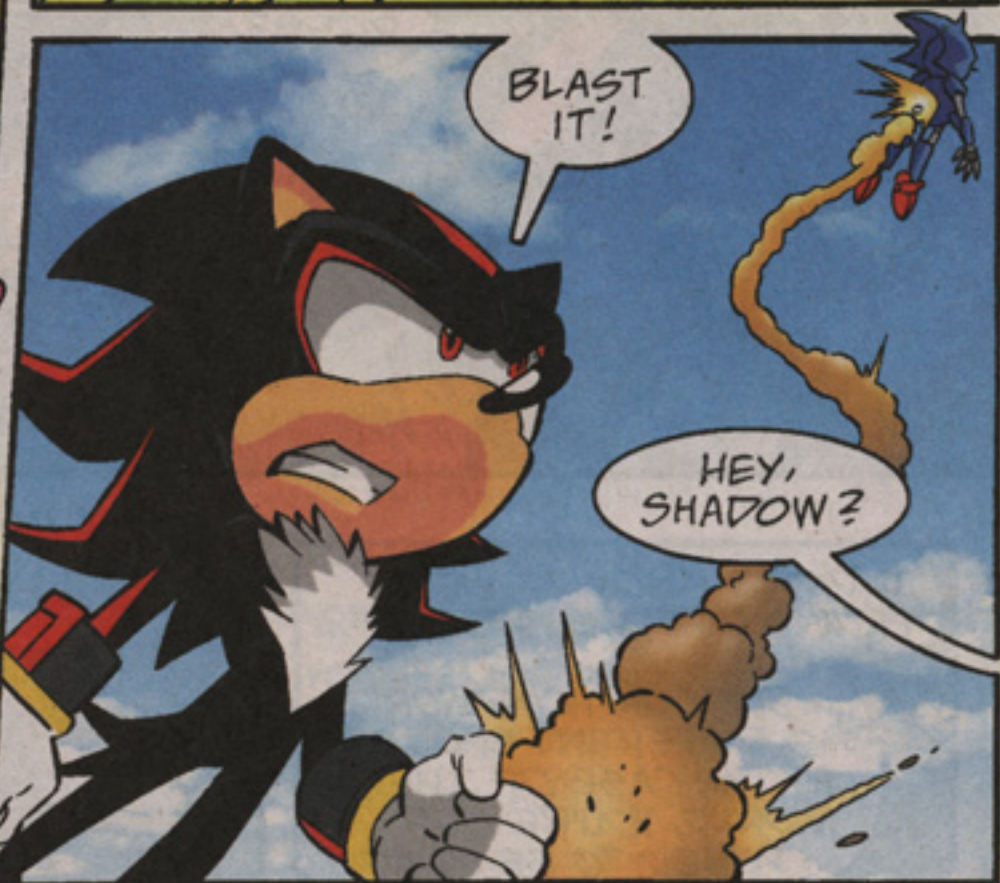
UNDOCUMENTED
ZONE ARRIVAL.

POSTPONE
OBJECTIVES.

LOCATE
RESIDENT
DR.
ROBOTNIK.



CLANG!



BLAST
IT!

HEY,
SHADOW?

WOULD YOU MIND GETTING OFF
THE TABLE?



Ah...
SORRY.





...AND THEN I WAS
STANDING IN THE
MIDDLE OF YOUR
TEA PARTY!

HUH,
OKAY, THAT
MAKES
SENSE.



IT
DOES?

SURE!

WE'RE
ALL FROM
ANOTHER
WORLD,
TOO!



I DON'T KNOW IF WE'RE
FROM A DIFFERENT "ZONE"...

...BUT OUR HOME WORLD
IS DIFFERENT ENOUGH.
IN THE CASE OF THIS
WORLD, YOU'RE SUP-
POSED TO BE DEAD.



NEVER MIND THAT. COME
ON! I'LL GIVE YOU THE
GRAND TOUR!

BUT,
METAL
SONIC...

TROUBLE
WILL FIND
US, TRUST
ME!

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YOU HAVE CHAOTIX IN
YOUR WORLD?

YES, BUT
THEY AREN'T
EXACTLY
DETECTIVES...

YO,
VECTOR!

HEY, SONIC! IS THAT
SHADOW WITH YOU?

YEAH!

ISN'T HE
DEAD?

LONG
STORY.
HE'S
BETTER
NOW.

COOL!

WHAT
HAPPENED
HERE?

HUH? OH! A SHADY ORGANIZATION
TURNED VECTOR INTO A FORTY-FOOT
MONSTER AND HE GREW THROUGH
THE ROOF!

YOU'RE DOING THE RE-
BUILDING YOURSELVES?

YEAH. COULDN'T
AFFORD THE
PROFESSIONALS.

WEEE!
HAMMER
HAMMER
HAMMER!

YOU
GUYS BE
SAFE!
I'LL SEE
YOU
LATER!

STATION SQUARE
ELEMENTARY.

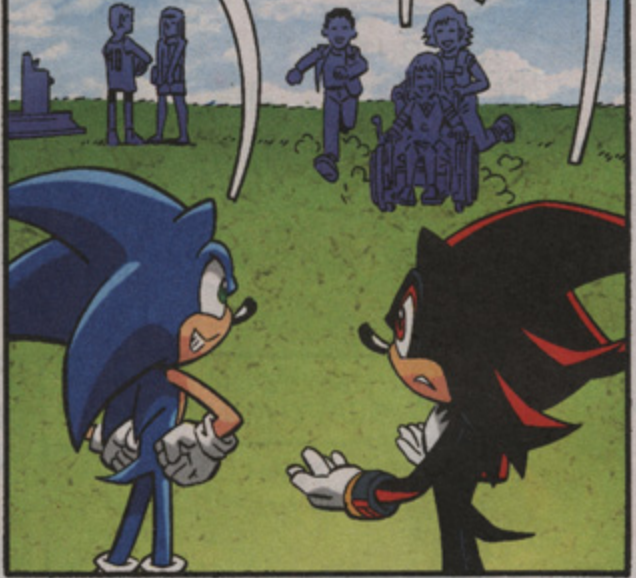


THERE'S SOMEBODY WHO'S GOING
TO BE EXCITED TO SEE YOU.

BUT I'M NOT FROM
YOUR WORLD.

DOESN'T
MATTER.

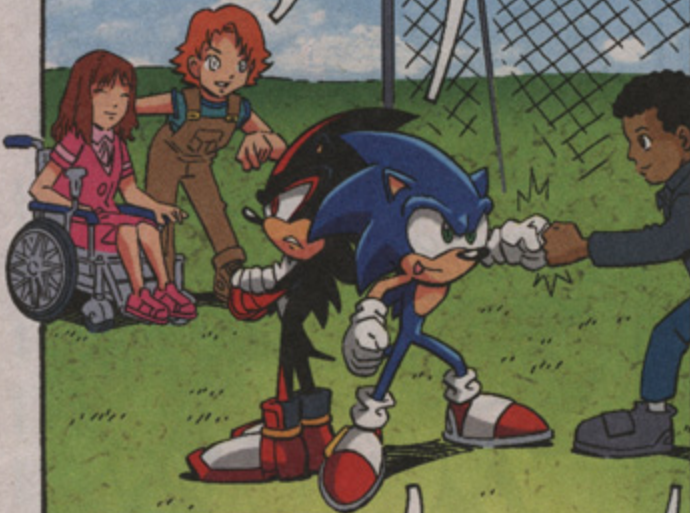
SONIC!



HEY, AREN'T YOU SHADOW?

WELL, YES, BUT...

HELLO. MY
NAME IS FRANCIS,
AND THIS IS
HELEN.



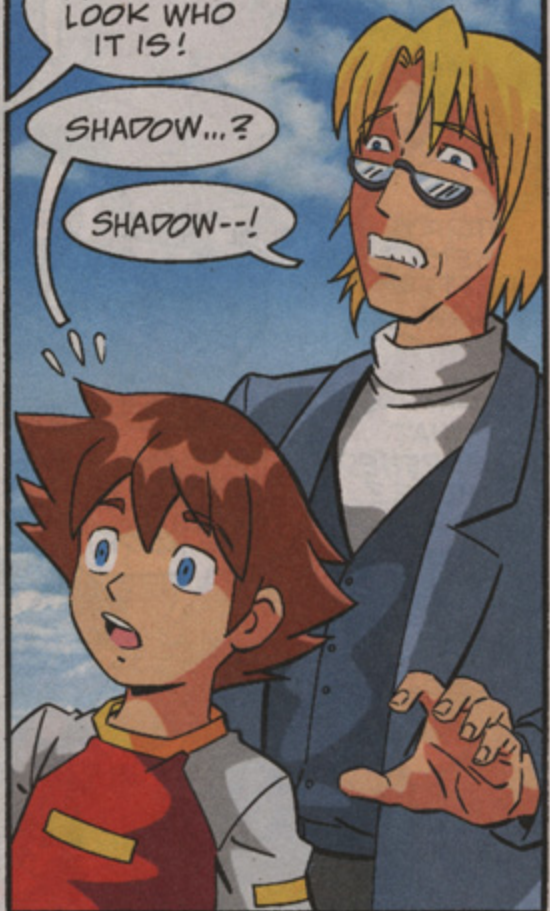
YO, DANNY! YOU
STILL COMING OVER
THIS WEEKEND FOR
SOME HOOPS, RIGHT?

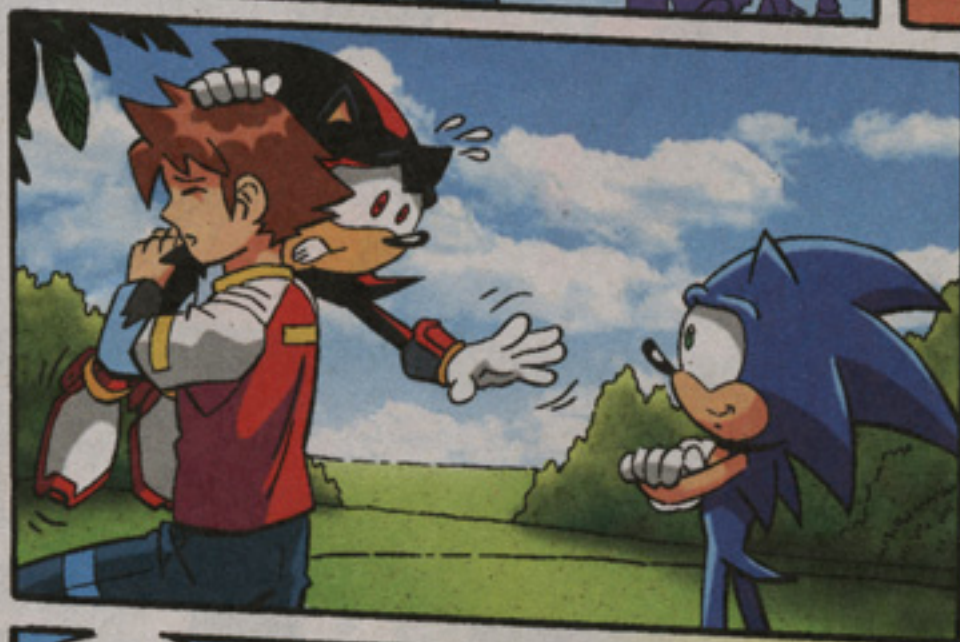
I
WOULDN'T
MISS IT!

HEY, CHRIS!
LOOK WHO
IT IS!

SHADOW...?

SHADOW--!





EGGMAN'S
TOWER...

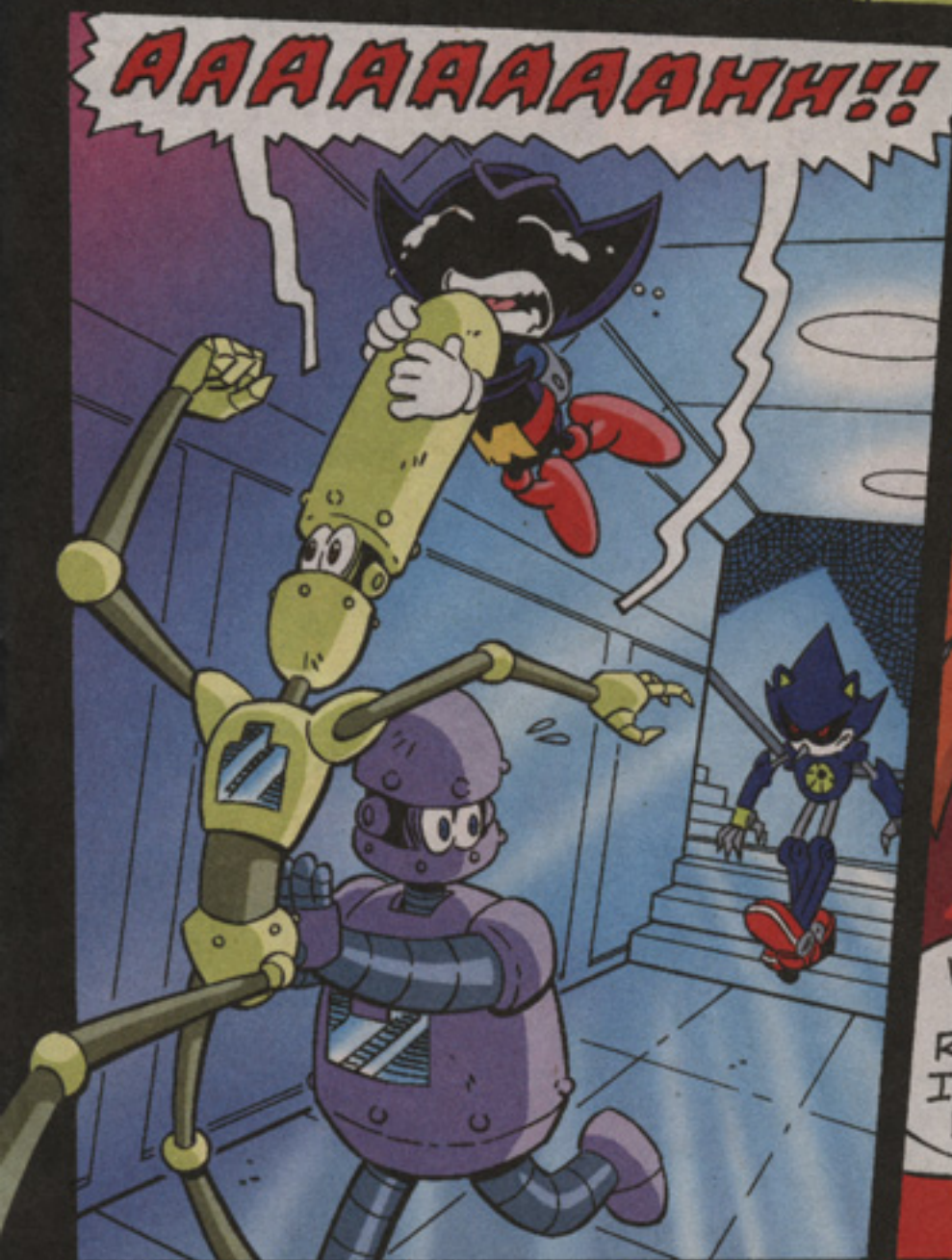
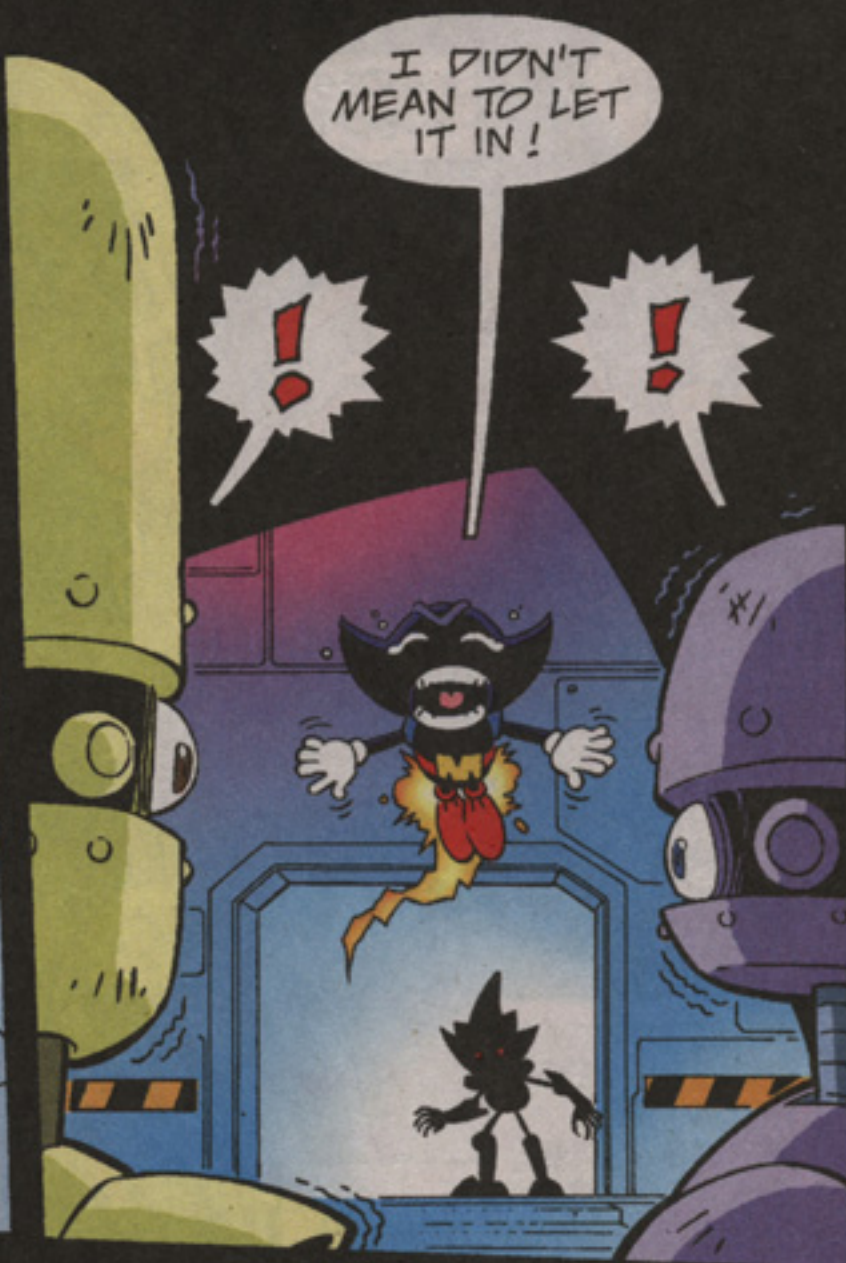
KNOCK!
KNOCK!

KNOCK!
KNOCK!

I'M COMIN'!
I'M COMIN'!
SHEESH!

UNLESS YOU'RE
SELLING COOKIES,
YOU CAN...
CAN...

AAAAAAAAAH!!



EGAD! A
ROBOT
SONIC!

>> RESIDENT DR.
ROBOTNIK LOCATED.

WH-WHAT IS IT
TALKING ABOUT,
DR. EGGMAN?

THIS UNIT
ORIGINATES
FROM THE
PRIME ZONE.
PLEASE PROVIDE
MISSION OBJECTIVES.

I BELIEVE
THIS "PRIME
ZONE" IT
REFERS TO IS
AN ALTERNATE
REALITY. A
WORLD MUCH
LIKE THIS ONE,
BUT ALSO
DIFFERENT IN
MANY WAYS.

ANOTHER
WORLD
WITH A
ROBOT
SONIC?
THAT'S
PREPOS-
TEROUS!

UNLIKE A WORLD OF
TALKING ANIMALS OR
CREATURES LIKE DR.
EGGMAN?

IMAGINE!
WHOLE
OTHER
WORLDS OF
CANDY!

NO MATTER WHERE IT CAME
FROM, IT'S A KILLER ROBOT.
THIS MIGHT BE JUST WHAT
THE DOCTOR ORDERED!

HIGH SPEED
POLICE
GARAGE...

...AND THIS
IS SAM
SPEED,
HEAD OF
THE HIGH
SPEED
POLICE.

MY
NEPHEW
SPOKE
HIGHLY
OF YOU
BEFORE,
SHADOW.

BUT I THOUGHT CHRIS
SAID YOU WERE...

NO. I AM
NOT DEAD.

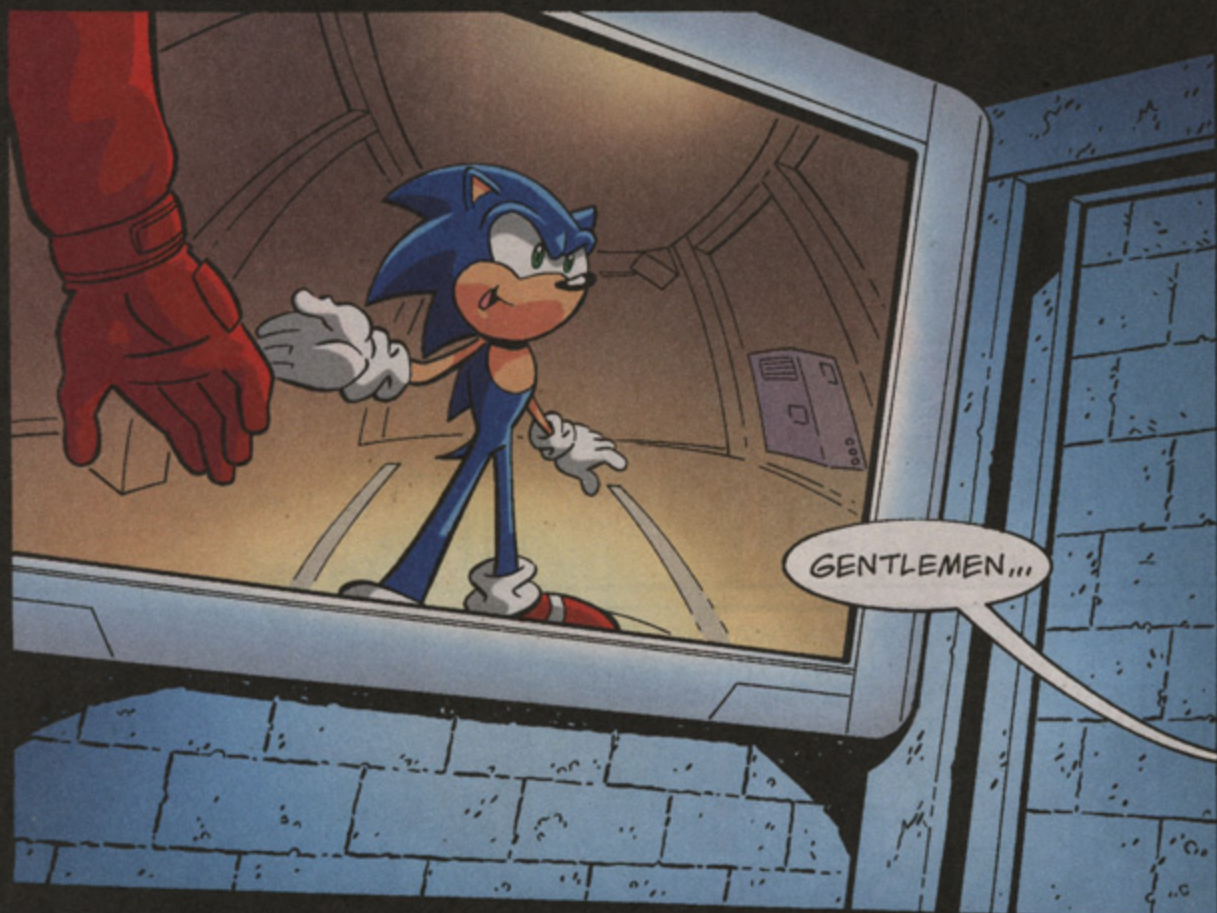
GOOD TO KNOW! ANYWAY, MY PART
OF THE POLICE USES THESE RACE-
CARS TO ENFORCE THE LAW HERE
IN STATION SQUARE.

WHY
RACE-
CARS?

HOW
ELSE WOULD
WE CATCH
SPEEDERS?

NEVER
MIND.

VEET!

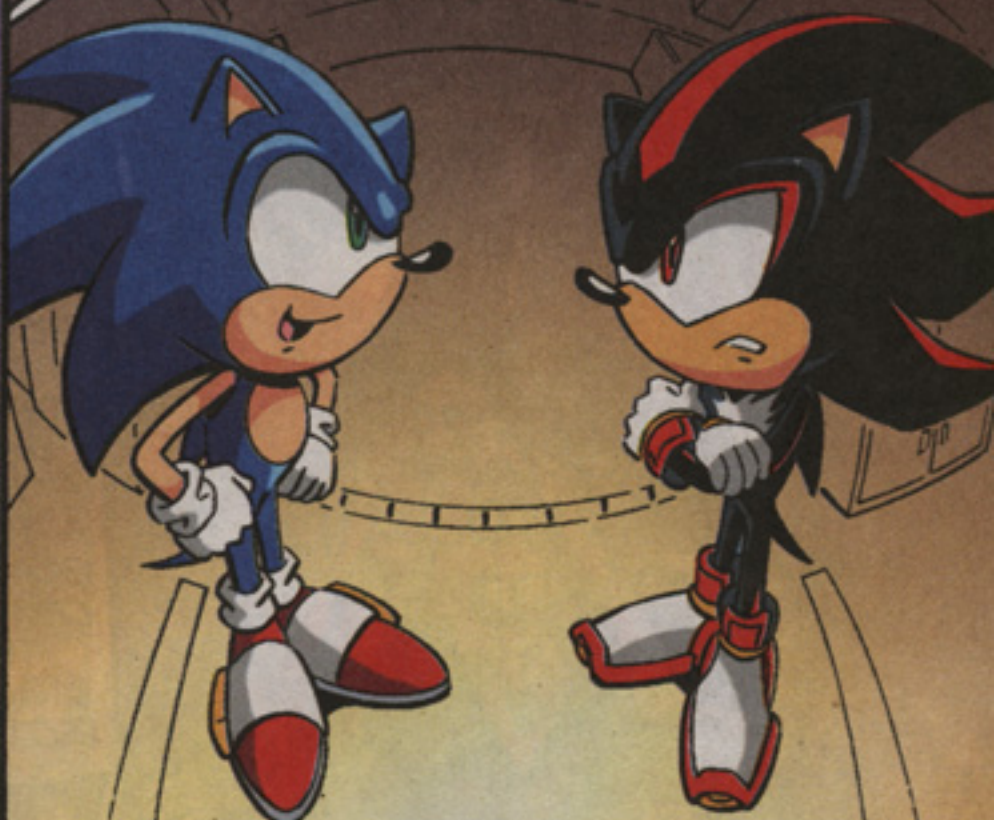


CONTACT THE ORGANIZER
AND LET HIM KNOW THAT...

GAK!



TH-THAT'S SHADOW
THE HEDGEHOG! HE'S
EVEN WORSE THAN
SONIC!



NO! NO
MORE
MULTI-
COLORED
HEDGE-
HOGS!

SHADOW?!
HE'S
SUPPOSED
TO BE
DEAD!



SONIC ALONE
WE COULD HANDLE,
BUT IF THEY HAVE
SHADOW WITH THEM...

THAT'S
NO FAIR.
SCRAP THE
PLAN!



EGGMAN'S TOWER.

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOUR FORMER
MASTER WAS LIKE,
BUT YOU HAVE THE
PLEASURE OF
WORKING WITH A
TRUE GENIUS!

TRUE,
I'VE HAD
MY SET-
BACKS.

BUT
WHAT IS
SCIENCE
WITHOUT
ITS FITS
AND
STARTS?
A TRUE
GENIUS
CAN SEE
THE
BIGGER
PICTURE!

ONLY A
GENIUS WOULD
SEND A KILLER
ROBOT SONIC
TO ME!

AND I'M MORE
THAN ENOUGH OF A
GENIUS TO USE YOU
TO THE FULLEST!

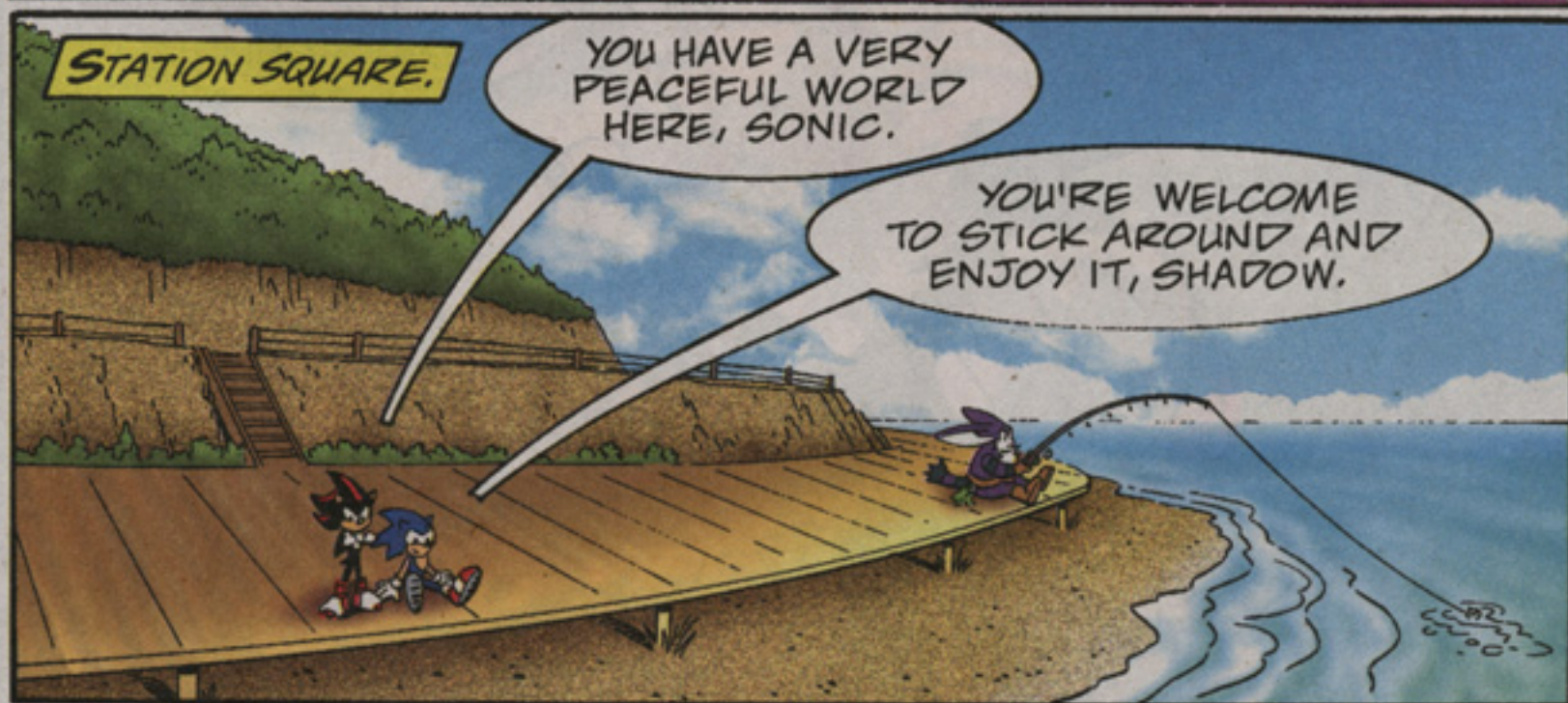
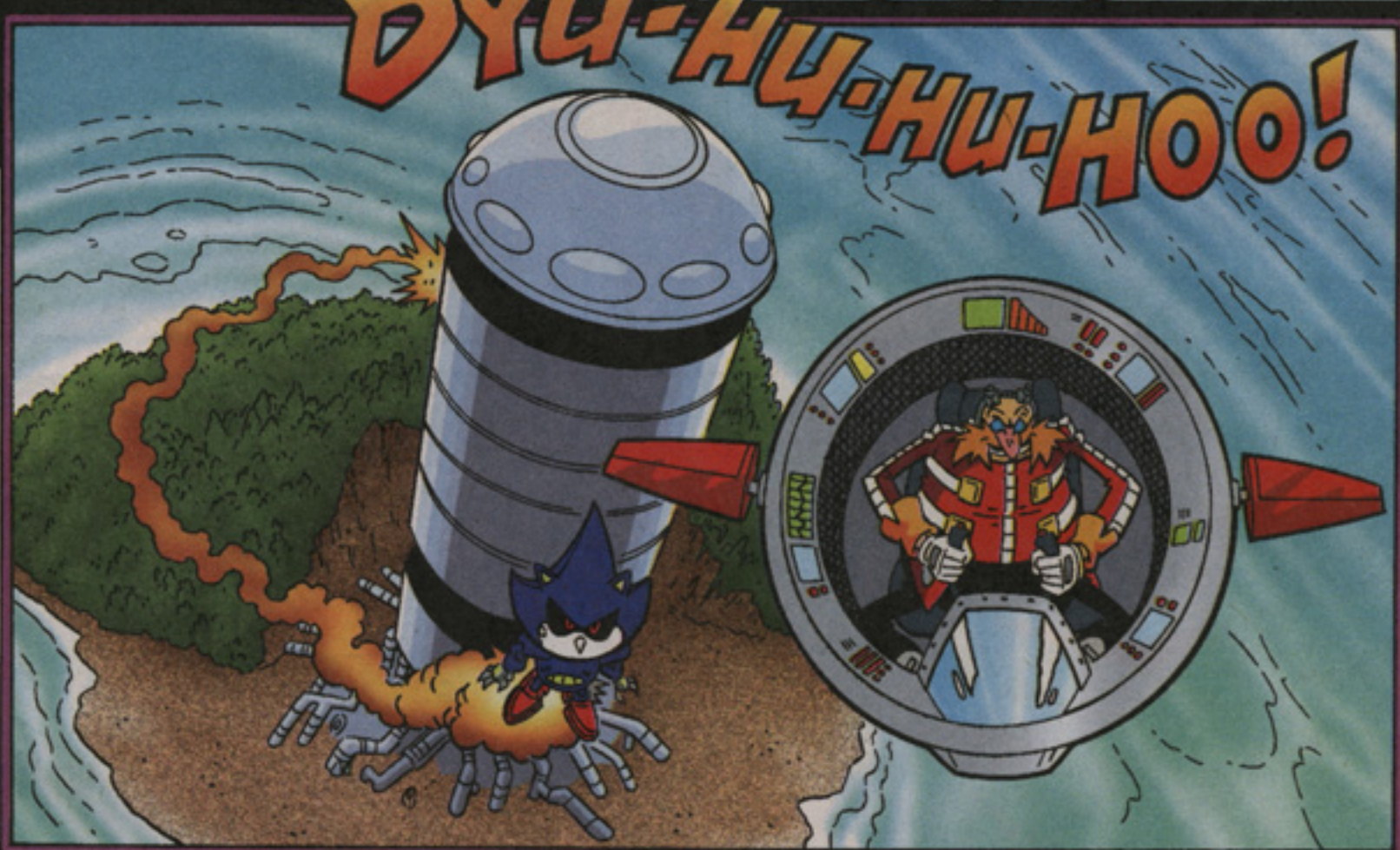
Y'KNOW,
I ALMOST
CONQUERED
THE WORLD
ONCE!

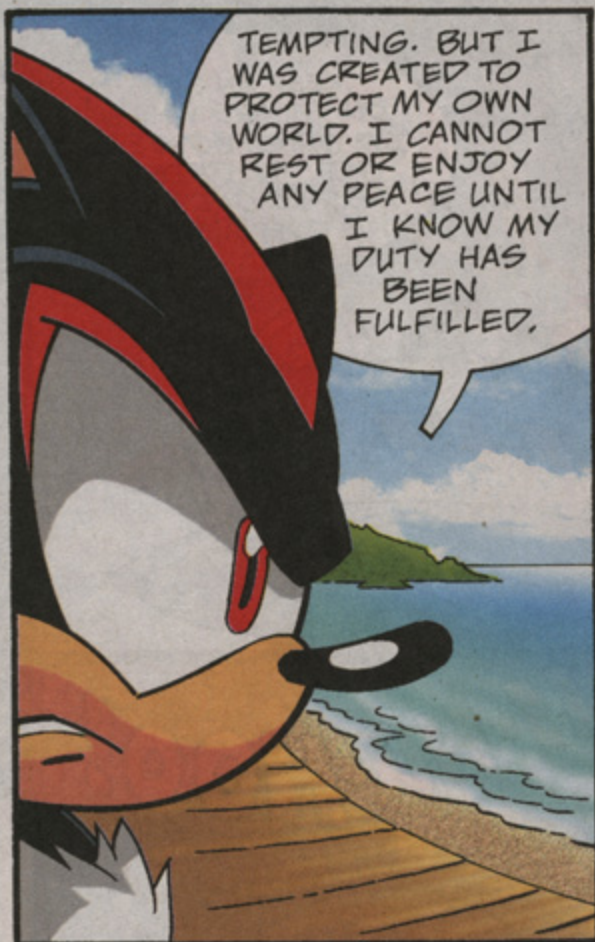
SHUSH! DON'T
MAKE THE SCARY
ROBOT LOOK
AT US!

HOW MANY
TIMES IS HE
GOING TO SAY
"GENIUS"?



DYU-HU-HU-HOO!



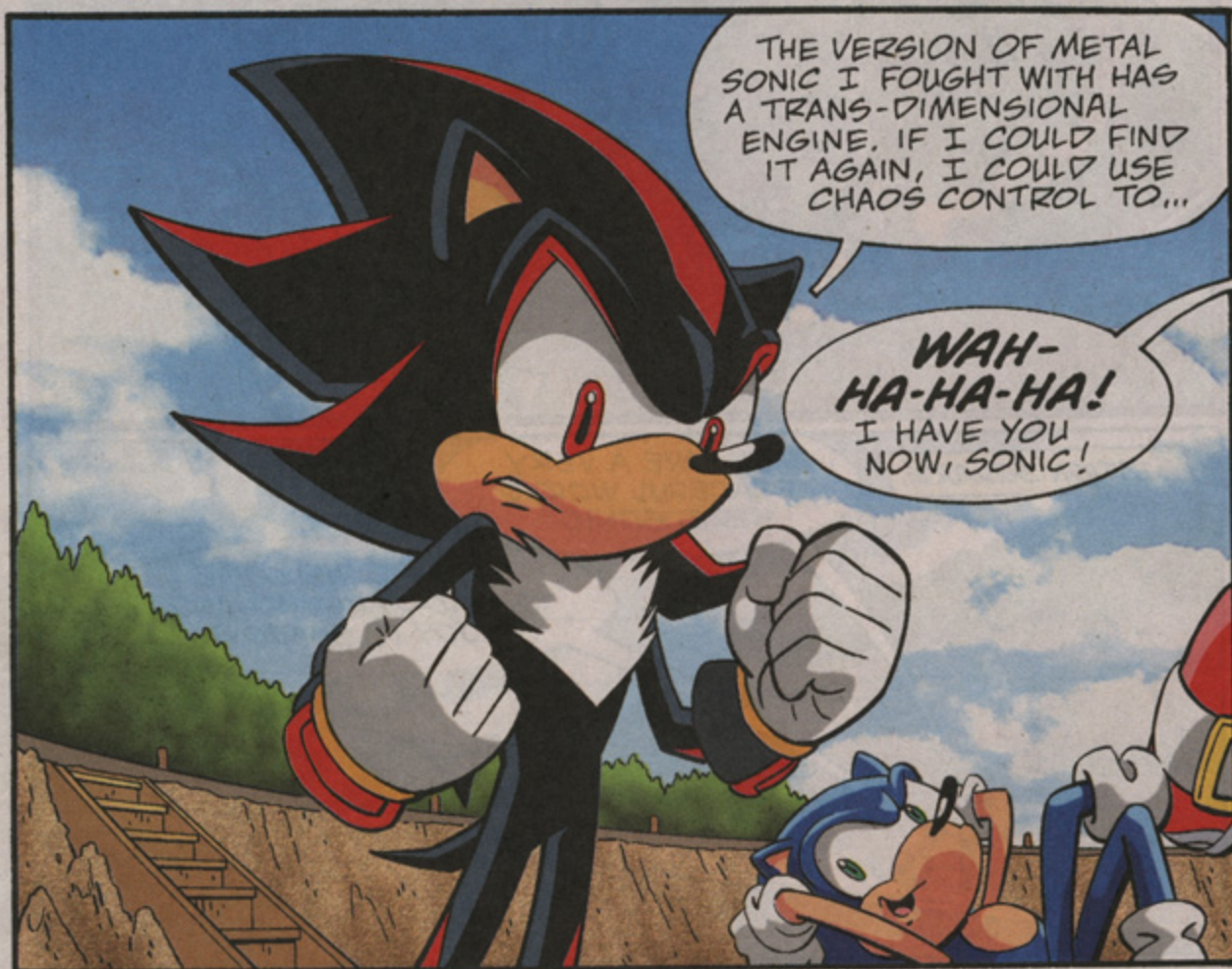


TEMPTING. BUT I WAS CREATED TO PROTECT MY OWN WORLD. I CANNOT REST OR ENJOY ANY PEACE UNTIL I KNOW MY DUTY HAS BEEN FULFILLED.



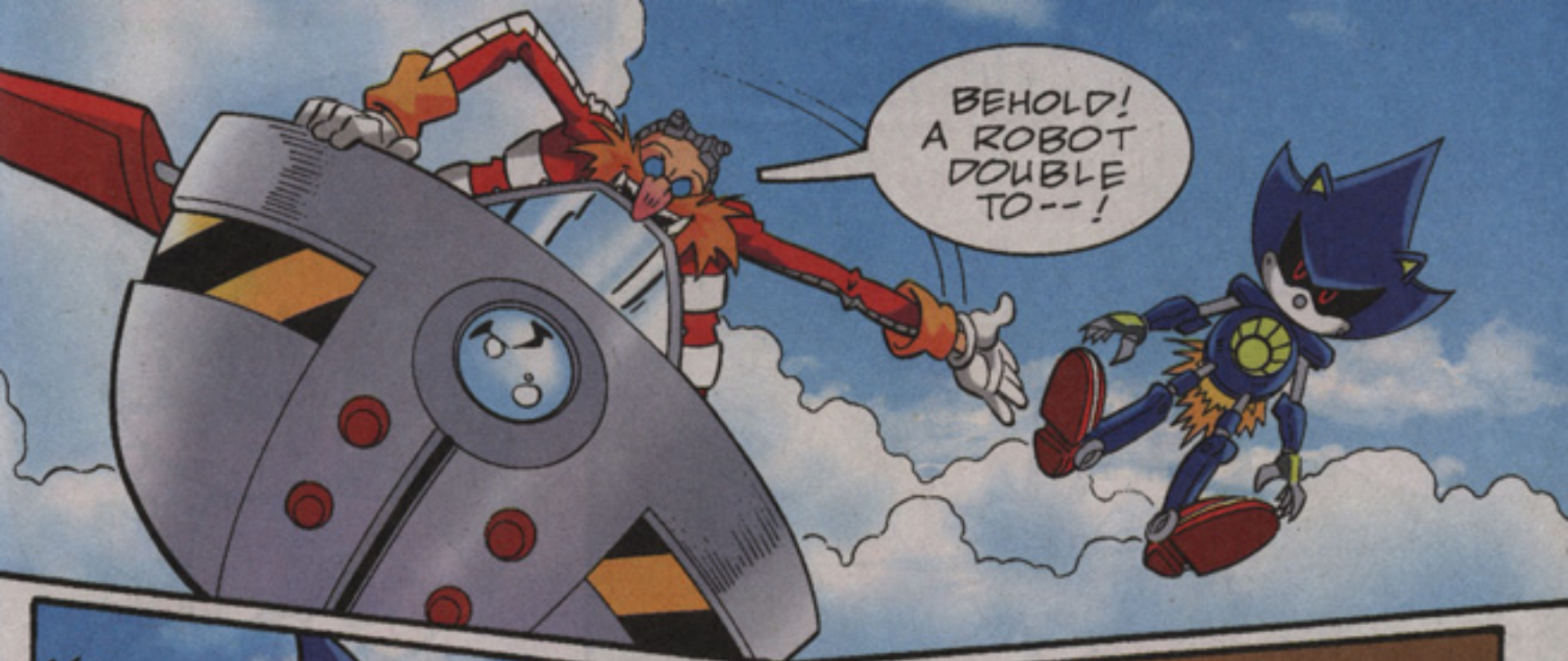
I HEAR YA.

BUT HOW DO YOU PLAN ON GETTING BACK HOME? WE'RE STUCK HERE OURSELVES.



THE VERSION OF METAL SONIC I FOUGHT WITH HAS A TRANS-DIMENSIONAL ENGINE. IF I COULD FIND IT AGAIN, I COULD USE CHAOS CONTROL TO...

WAH-HA-HA-HA!
I HAVE YOU NOW, SONIC!



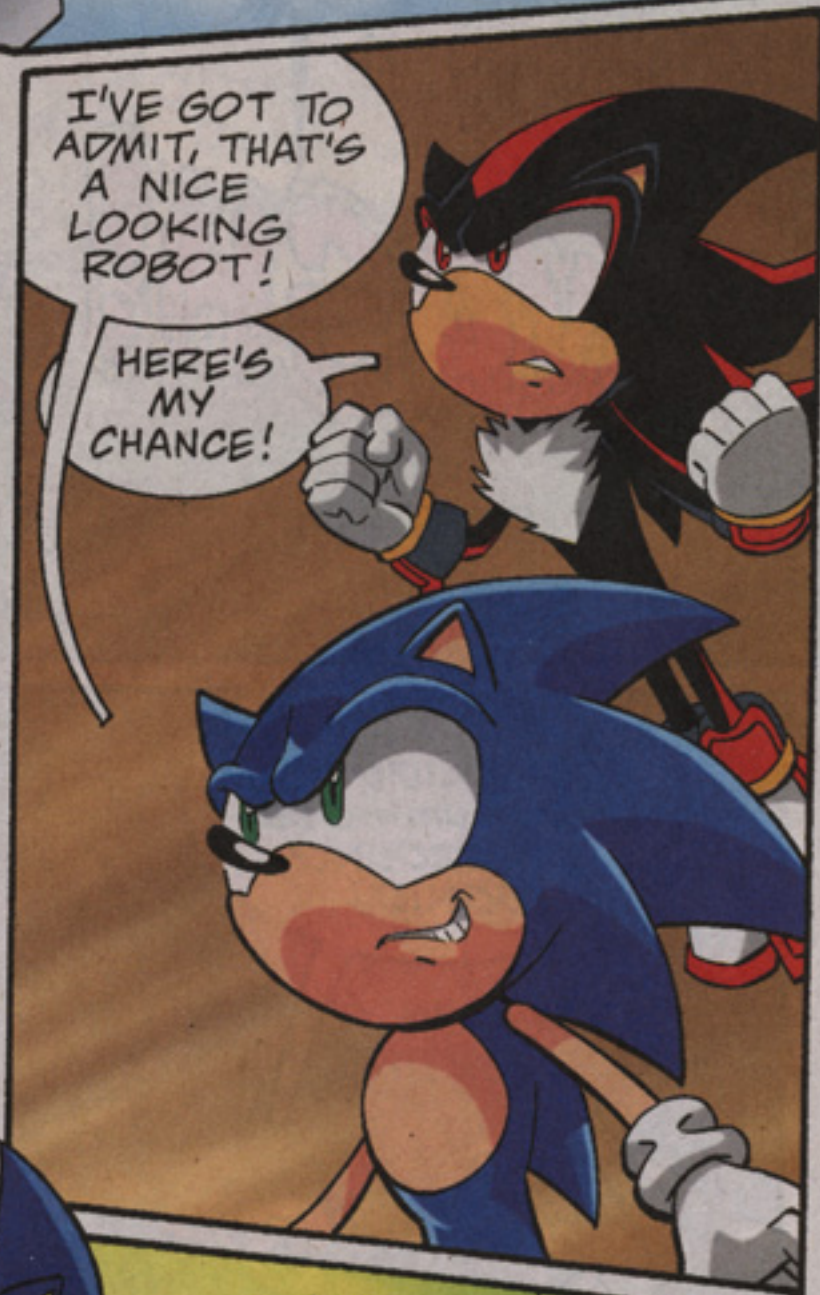
BEHOLD!
A ROBOT
DOUBLE
TO--!



SHADOW?!

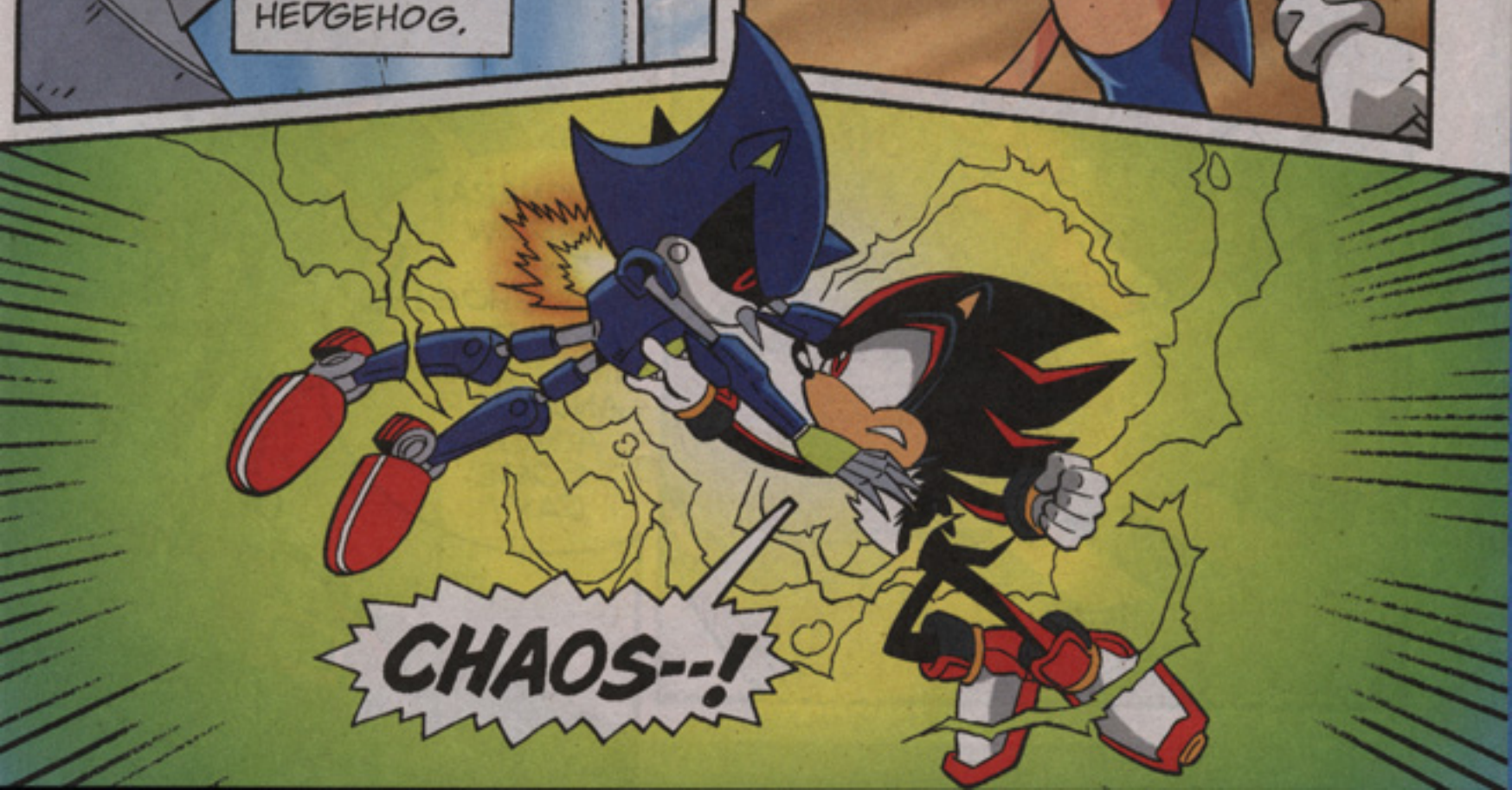
>> RESUMING
PREVIOUS
OBJECTIVES.

>> TARGET:
SHADOW THE
HEDGEHOG.

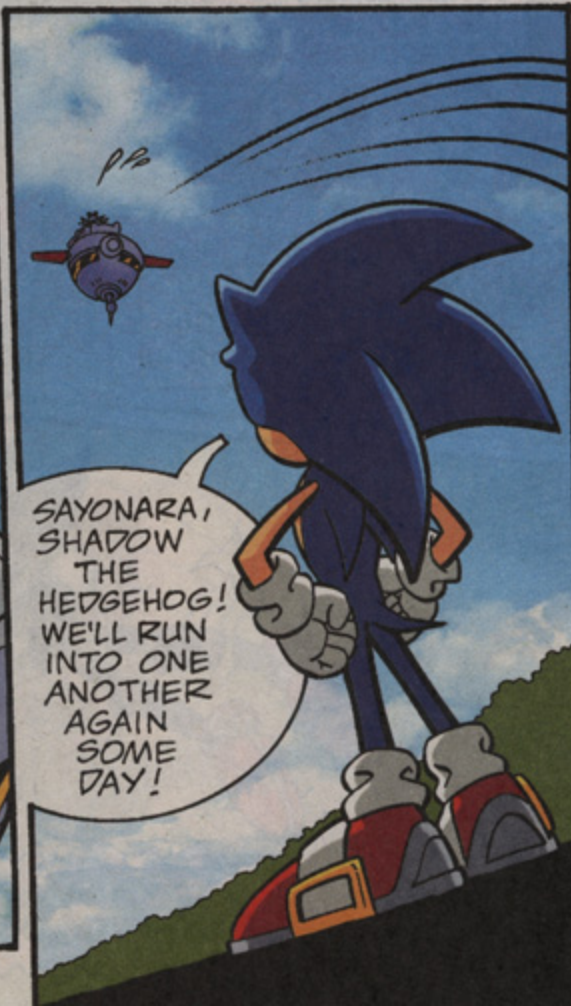


I'VE GOT TO
ADMIT, THAT'S
A NICE
LOOKING
ROBOT!

HERE'S
MY
CHANCE!



CHAOS--!



EGGMAN'S TOWER.

SLAM!

DOCTOR!
WHAT'S
WRONG?!

IT COULDN'T BE--!

WHAT HAPPENED TO
THE SCARY ROBOT?

IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!

I WAS
THERE! I
RESCUED
HIM MY-
SELF!

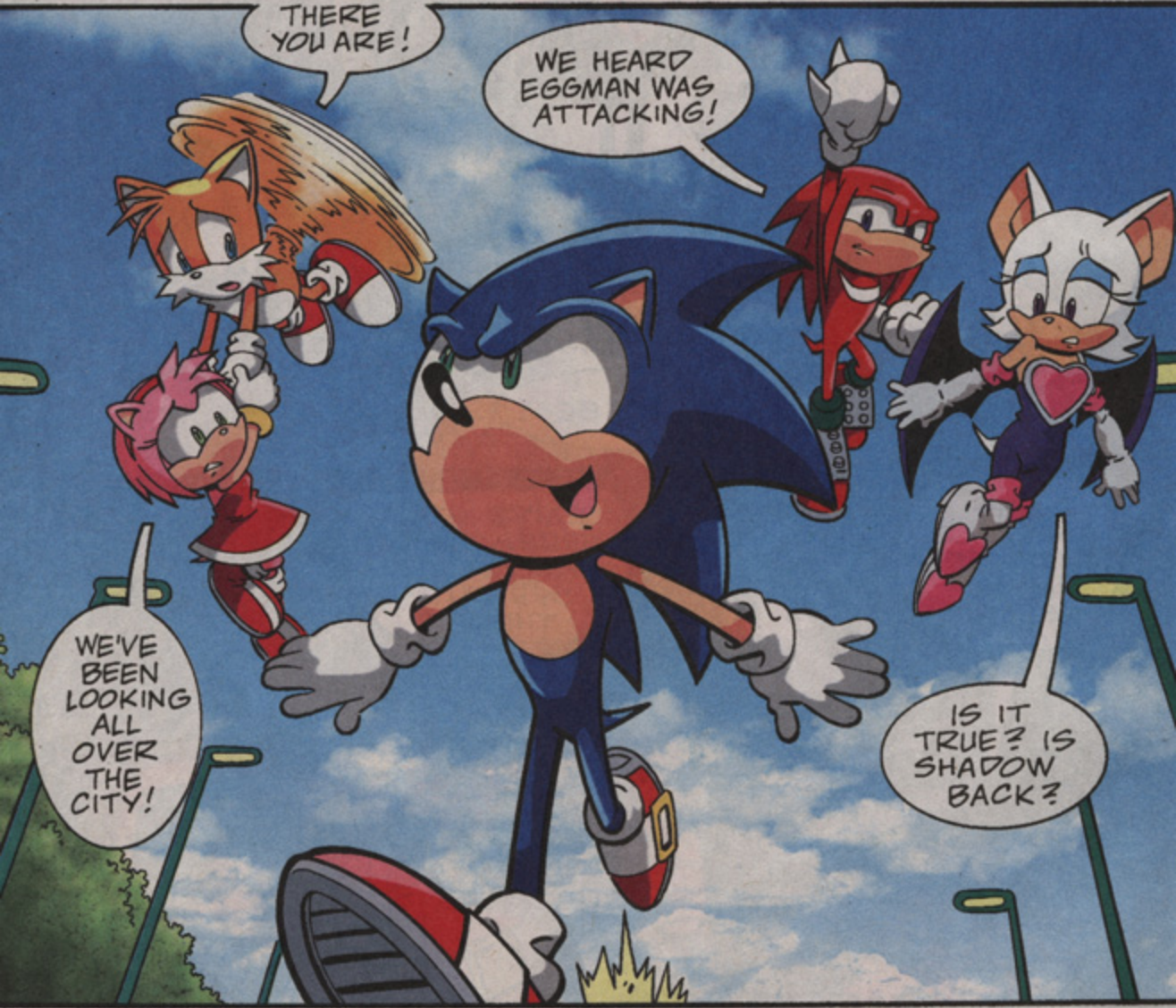
YOU'RE STILL
HERE... THEN
WHAT DID I
SEE OUT
THERE?

STATION
SQUARE.



SONIC!

HEY,
GUYS!



THERE
YOU ARE!

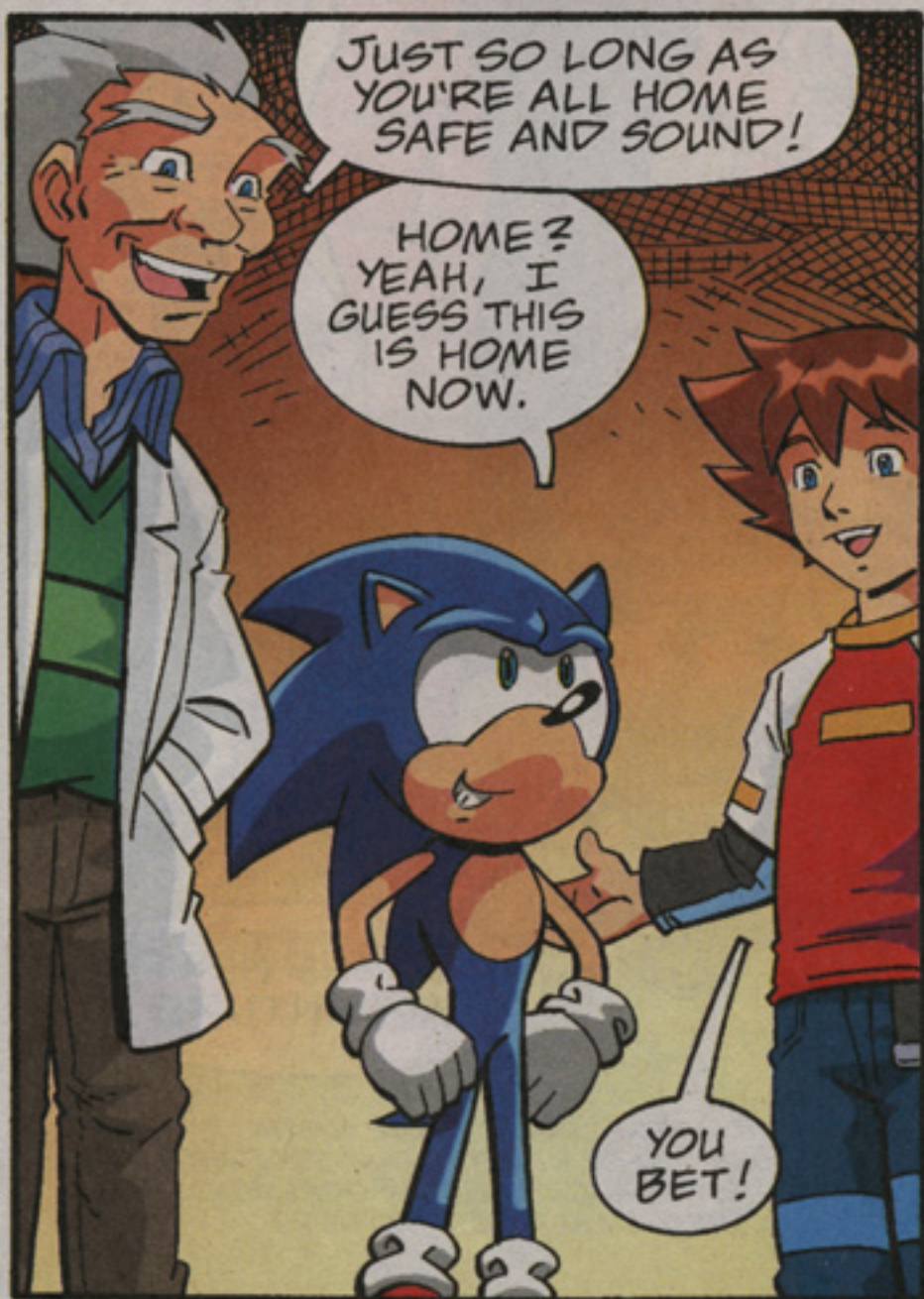
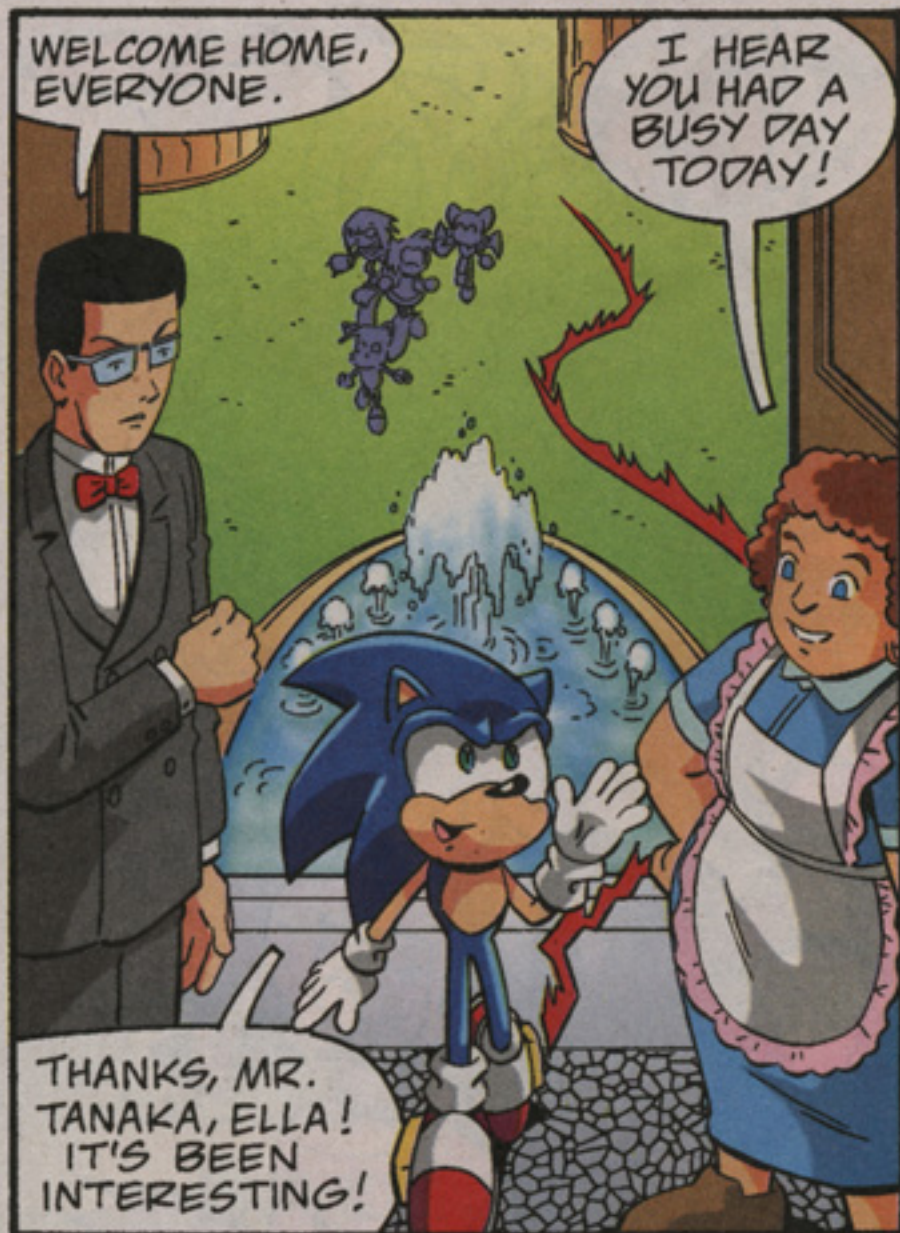
WE HEARD
EGGMAN WAS
ATTACKING!

WE'VE
BEEN
LOOKING
ALL
OVER
THE
CITY!

IS IT
TRUE? IS
SHADOW
BACK?



SORRY,
GUYS, BUT
EVERYTHING'S
BEEN TAKEN
CARE OF!



THE END!



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